GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Development of Airstrips
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan for development of airstrips in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of these airstrips;

(c) whether the Government has conceptualized Public Private Partnership for funding these airstrips and if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether the Government proposes any other funding mechanism for development of these airstrips in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of companies showing interest in these airstrip projects; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to minimize expenditure on these projects?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): The newly approved National Civil Aviation Policy, 2016, has a provision for promotion of regional connectivity by way of revival of un-served and under-served airports/airstrips. Revival of such airports is "demand-driven", depending on firm demand from the airline operators and where the State Government agrees to provide various concessions envisaged in the Policy. ;

(c): No Madam. ;

(d) to (f): The Government has approved the proposal for revival of 50 un-served/under-served airports/airstrips of the State Governments, Airports Authority of India, Civil Enclaves and CPSUs in the three financial years from 2017-18 at an estimated cost of Rs. 4500 crores. 15 airports/airstrips would be revived during 2017-18 and 2018-19 each and 20 airports/airstrips would be revived during 2019-20.